

**MINUTES OF THE MADISON RECREATIONAL
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

June 2, 2009

The Madison recreation Advisory Board met in regular session on Tuesday June 2, 2009 at 5:30 pm at Dublin Park, Madison, Alabama.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Recreation Advisor Board Secretary Clifford Lanham.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

The roll call of the board was conducted by Recreation Department Personnel Clifford Lanham and recorded as follows:

MBA Vice President Clark Cook	Present
Westco Representative Taron Thorpe	Present
Madison Dolphins President Cindy Davis	Absent
BAM Commissioner Anthony Dupree	Present
AYSO Regional Commissioner Lisa Sheffield	Present
MAA Secretary Yolanda Lewis	Present
Greenways & Trails Allison Wheeler	Present
Board Member Charles Duffy	Absent
Board Member Cliff Lanham	Present
Board President Mike Ray	Absent
Board Member Phillip Herron	Present
Recreation Director Mike Cassell	Present
Senior Center Director Judy Meiers	Present
Board of Education Bobby Jackson	Present
Councilman Steve Haraway	Present
Mayor's Office, Taylor Edge	Present

Also in attendance were Thomas Sommerkamp and Alison Callahan.

AGENDA ITEMS

The Recreation Department's Policies and Procedures are still being revised, staffed and edited and should be ready for the July meeting.

Mike Cassell reported that the fence next to the entrance at Palmer had been repositioned and access to the area was much improved.

Lisa Sheffield introduced two members of her organization that would be working on the restroom sub committee: Thomas Sommerkamp and Alison Callahan. Since Mike Ray

was absent tonight a special meeting will be called for this sub-committee to come together as soon as Ray returns to town.

Bobby Jackson said that the Understanding and Agreement Policies Letter has been completed and that he and Mike Cassell would look over this document tomorrow, 3 June 2009. This document will provide more definitive guide lines on facilities use between the Recreation Department and Madison City Public Education facilities.

Clark Cook will be assuming the role of RAB representative and was present. The baseball season will be coming to and end in another month and preparation will then commence on the fall season. Tournaments will be held this weekend and will run for the month of June.

Caron Thorpe will be the representative for Westco in the future. Softball is finishing up its season by the end of June. Caron asked to schedule fields for 5 Sep , 19 Sep and 10 Oct for fall tournaments. He would also coordinate this request with Mike Cassell tomorrow.

Mike Cassell informed the board that the Dolphin Swim Team would be formulating their own budget in the future and would no longer be part of the Recreation Department program.

Basketball would be having August registration per Anthony Dupree followed by early October tryouts.

AYSO has completed its season with selected team tournaments forth coming. Registration for the new season will commence on 6 June and Saturday 11 June. Lisa requested NO Parking signs for the tournament plays. All the fields at Dublin are ready for the fall play. Per Mike Cassell the walk ways have also been completed. Port-a-potties will be placed around the new fields until new restrooms are constructed.

MAA was represented by Yolanda Lewis. Registration will commence on 18 July!

Allison Wheeler discussed the progress of the green way from Palmer to Heritage Elementary School. Steve Haraway also briefed the board on the bidding processes and that new bids were forth coming in July for this construction. There is also a plan of providing picnics tables and benches along Mills Creek greenway.

Phillip Herron recommended that there sure be consideration for additional shade at Palmer in the way of additional trees or constructed shade. Some ideas were batted around and Mike Cassell stated he would look at his opportunity.

Taylor Edge has asked that all organizations provide the recreation board and the Mayor's office their respective budgets. It is requested that last years financial and this years YTD financials, be presented at the next board meeting on 7 July 2009. Copies of these budgets need to also be submitted to the board and the mayor's office NLT 29 June.

The purpose of this submission is to provide better accountability of funds used by the organizations, a transparency of operation and perhaps also allow better purchasing power of items commonly used by one or more of the athletic activities. This data can also provide a better feel as to the amounts organizations give back to the city and to the recreation department. This information can also provide the city with possible needs that cannot be provided by the separate organizations.

Taylor also requested that all board members be on the lookout for opportunities for land usage for athletic programs to include shared use of facilities as well as future purchases. The city is in need of land for additional fields and facilities. Examples of such opportunities would be The Grove Church allowing the city use if we were able to construct field for their use also. Another example is relocating the trailer at the entrance of Palmer park and creating additional field for parking. While not all things are possible, we will not know until it is brought to the Cities attention.

Judy Meiers at the senior center has famer market coupons for folks to utilize. Also the Senior Center will have a Health Fair on June 10 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Stop in and visit the center.

Mike Cassell said the Dublin was running over with kids programs for the month of June and July. Over 200 kids are in the Kid Camp program. There are also new Irish dance programs starting this month. As mentioned previously, the Dublin soccer fields are ready for this summer and for the fall. Walking trails to all the fields have been completed and they look really nice. Long term we do need restrooms and perhaps concession facilities. Softball tournaments will be conducted until early October at palmer and perhaps some of this program will provide funds for the department. Working with softball and baseball perhaps we can design multiuse use fields with these two sports.

No further business was brought forward. The next meeting will be on 7 July 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.